



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Transportation Project in Washington State

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of Limitation on Claims for Judicial Review of Actions by FHWA.

SUMMARY: This notice announces actions taken by the FHWA that are final. The action relates to the creation of a reversible north-south transit and high occupancy vehicle lane connecting Mercer Street and SR 520 along the I-5 express lanes and other associated design refinements associated with SR 520, I-5 to Medina construction in the City of Seattle, King County, State of Washington.

DATES: A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the listed highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before [INSERT DATE 150 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 7, 2011, FHWA published a "Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Highway in Washington" in the Federal Register at 76 FR 55459 for the SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project. Notice is hereby given that, subsequent to the earlier FHWA notice, FHWA has taken final agency actions within the meaning of 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing a NEPA re-evaluation for the SR 520 SR 520, I-5 to Medina: Bridge Replacement and HOV Project: I-5 Design Refinements (hereafter "re-evaluation"). The action(s) by FHWA and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the re-evaluation and the associated agency records. That information is available by contacting FHWA at the addresses provided above.

The project proposed to improve safety and mobility for people and goods across Lake Washington by replacing the SR 520 Portage Bay and Evergreen Point bridges and improve existing roadway between Interstate 5 (I-5) in Seattle and Evergreen Point Road in Medina spanning 5.2 miles. The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project was published in January 2011 and the Record of Decision (ROD) was issued in August 2011.

Since issuance of the FHWA ROD, the design and construction approach has been refined such that a reversible north-south transit and high occupancy vehicle lane connecting Mercer Street and SR 520 along the I-5 express lanes would be constructed; and additional design changes would be implemented, including stormwater treatment improvement, revisions to the heights of proposed retaining walls, and replacement of fiber optic cable within the I-5 right-of-way. The re-evaluation considering these

refinements was prepared in October 2019. It identifies and documents potential effects associated with the refinement. This notice only applies to the re-evaluation.

Information about the re-evaluation and associated records are available from FHWA and WSDOT at the addresses provided above and can be found at:

<https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/Library/I5Medina.htm>. This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions related to the re-evaluation as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. General: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321-4347]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109].
2. Air: Clean Air Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)].
3. Land: Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 [16 U.S.C. 4601]; Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].
4. Wildlife: Anadromous Fish Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 757(a-757(g)); Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)]; Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.].
5. Historic and Cultural Resources: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) et seq.]; Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469-469(c)]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001-3013).

6. Wetlands and Water Resources: Clean Water Act, (Section 319 [33 U.S.C. 329]); Safe Drinking Water Act [42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)(6)].
7. Navigation: Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 403]; General Bridge Act of 1946 [33 U.S.C. 9 and 11].
8. Executive Orders: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1), as amended by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, (PL 112–141, 126 Stat. 405).

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